

Frequently asked Questions

How many children are registered at the school?

There are currently 148 children at the school

How many classes do you have?

This year we have five classes across the school which are mixed in the following way:

EYFS (reception children)/ Year1

Year 1/Year 2

Year 3/4

Year 4/5

Year 5/6

How do you decide which children go into which mixed year group class?

If a child is joining us in years 1-5, then we will consider the number of pupils in each of the classes that they might join. If there is a fairly equal number in both, and the capacity for them, then we would look at the needs of both the new pupil and those of the cohorts they might be joining, to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. Having as much information about a pupil before they join us is key in this, and helps to develop good communication with pupils' families from the start.

How do you manage teaching two different year groups in one class?

It depends on the subject being taught at the time, but the work is differentiated according to the learning objectives for each cohort and all pupils are taught the curriculum for their current year group.

In numeracy for example, the lesson input can sometimes be a useful recap for the older year; but often the lesson is staggered so that one group receives their input whilst the other completes a different learning task, before swapping. We adapt lesson content on the needs of the pupils being taught and provide challenge and extension opportunities.

How do you reward good behaviour and/or punish bad behaviour?

We follow the Pivotal behavioural principles, which focuses on recognising and regularly rewarding good choices and reminding pupils of our school rules of 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. Adults are trained to sensitively discuss with pupils if we notice that these are not being followed, using the principle of 'public praise and private reprimand'. Details can be found in the School's behaviour policy, on the School's website.

What is the induction period for reception starters?

We offer a four week induction for the reception children in September. For the first two weeks they come into school until 12 noon, then for the following two weeks they stay for lunch and leave at 1pm. After that, they come to school full time.

Can my child bring a packed lunch some days and have a school dinner on others?

Children in EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If your child would rather bring a packed lunch from home this is fine. They can also mix & match. We use a system called ParentPay that allows parents to select their child's meal choices in advance for any days that they want a school dinner.

How much time do the children spend doing PE each week?

It is a statutory requirement that pupils have two PE lessons per week. We cover a curriculum that includes dance, gymnastics, athletics and team sports, and lessons take place indoors and out. In 'normal' times, pupils have opportunities to participate in team events, competitions and showcases with other schools and we hold a Sports Day every summer, which is attended by parents and carers.

What is your catchment area?

Our "designated area" is Winsley and the surrounding villages (Conkwell, Turleigh, Little Ashley, part of Great Ashley and part of Limpley Stoke – the Wiltshire county boundary is the western/southern edge of our area). There is a document on Wilts Council's website <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/3255/Catchment-area/pdf/Catchment-area-index.pdf?m=637157414315170000> which gives an idea of which streets are in which area!

Do you currently have available places in all year groups?

Each year group has a Planned Admission Number (PAN) of 25, based on the physical space in the school. Currently, we are at PAN for Year 6 pupils only (and have already declined a few requests for places for families who will be living outside our "designated area". Although we have, in theory, room in all other year groups, classes for KS2 pupils are all over 30 at present and there will be a point at which we cannot accommodate further pupils simply due to the size of our classrooms. Each application is considered on its merits by our Headteacher.

Do you have childcare provisions before and after school?

Yes, we offer Wraparound Care from 7.30am before school, and up to 6pm afterschool. Parents can book and pay for sessions in advance using their ParentPay account. The sessions are run by our Teaching Assistants so that the children are already familiar with them.

Do you offer afterschool clubs?

In normal circumstances (pre-COVID), we would try to offer a club for both Key Stages (EYFS-Y2 & Y3-Y6) four days a week Monday-Thursday. In order to appeal to everyone, we offer a varied range of activities such as Sports Clubs, Art Clubs, Ukulele and a Sewing Club to name a few. The majority of clubs are run in-house by members of staff.

Do children have music lessons at school?

Yes, pupils have a weekly music lesson. We also have a music room which is used by peripatetic music teachers who teach any children whose parents pay for lessons privately. Drumming, piano, violin and guitar are just some of the instruments that these music teachers offer.

My child has Special education Needs, what provisions do you have?

We follow the SEND Code of Practice and work closely with parents and professionals to identify needs and provide the support required for the individual pupil. More information can be found in the School's SEND Policy and Information Report, both found on the School's website.